



The ENCOURAGER

"...encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association, Shawnee, OK • Dr. Russell R. Cook, Director of Missions

November, 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next regular meeting will be February 13, 2012

**Mark your Calendar
PLBA Annual Christmas Banquet, Friday, December 2
First Baptist Church, McLoud, 6:30 pm**



Association Office will be CLOSED

**Wednesday—
Thursday
November 23-24
(Thanksgiving Holiday)**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Bucky

Bro. Russell



Shelby

Janice

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



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**2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$175 Million
State Goal: \$5.5 Million
Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 4 - 11, 2011**

Church News

Please let us know of any upcoming events or news from your church!

FIRST, MAUD is looking for 1991 Versions of the Baptist Hymnal. Please call 405-630-8348. (*Bobby Shatto, Pastor*)

SALLATEESKA is having a Revival, Sunday Morning, November 6 through Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 pm. Will have a Pot-Luck Dinner Sunday at 5:30 p.m. They will have a different Evangelist each night. For more information or a ride call Glenda at 214.1137. (*Ben Little, Pastor*)

WALLACE AVENUE Pastor, J.D. Cunningham has retired. His last Sunday was October 23, 2011. The church asks that you pray for J.D., Donna and the body of Christ at Wallace Avenue during this time of transition. The church family also hopes that many of you will let J.D. and Donna know how much they are loved and appreciated as friends and fellow co-workers for our Lord Jesus.

Staff Needed

Incorrect information... please call the Association office, 405.273.4558.

DALE is seeking **part-time pianist**, blended worship service. Contact Douglas Parker Jr., Search Committee, 405.401.9010. (*Doug Parker, Pastor*)

FIRST, MAUD receiving resumes for **part-time Music Minister**. Please send resume to PO Box 86, Maud, OK 74854 or call 405.630.8348. (*Bobby Shatto, Pastor*)

FIRST, MCLLOUD receiving resumes for **part-time Student Minister** and a paid **Nursery worker**. Please send resume to PO Box 180, McCloud, OK 74851 or hr@fbcmlcloud.org or call 405.964.3344.

FIRST, ST. LOUIS is seeking a **part-time Youth Director**. Call Pastor Glenn C. Peck, 405.273.4596 or 405.830.8359 for duties and compensation. Background check will be performed. (*Glenn Peck, Pastor*)

Mt. PLEASANT is seeking a **bi-vocational Music Minister**. Please send resumes to 7101 Kings Rd, Shawnee 74804. For more information call Larry Cargill 405.273.0375, 405.664.0939 or Josh Norton 580.668.0214.



BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF OKLAHOMA 2011 Annual Meeting November 14-15 First Baptist Church, Moore

Monday Evening Speaker - Michael Williamson

Tuesday Evening Speaker - Stephen Rummage

*Visit the home page of www.bgco.org
for detailed information.*



Oklahoma Youth Ministry Forum 2011: Identity
November 18-19
Friday, 1:00 p.m. through Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee
For more information and registration visit:
<http://www.skopos.org/>

A Word of Encouragement

What's a Sabbatical?

Webster's Dictionary defines sabbatical, "A leave of absence, often with pay, usually granted every seventh year for travel, research or rest." I have served forty years in pastoral ministry and fifteen years as Director of Missions in PLBA. I have never taken a sabbatical leave. Regrettably, I have never taken all of the vacation days afforded me each year. However, as you read this month's Words of Encouragement, Marsha and I are beginning a 40 day sabbatical leave. These will be days added to vacation days and normal holidays and, thus, allow us to be out until January 23, 2012.

I will be in contact with our office staff and with our associational officers as needed. However, I will not be maintaining office hours and will not maintain a preaching schedule in the churches on Sunday (by the way, that will be a huge adjustment for me!). Marsha and I have come to a place in our lives and ministry when we need a break. We are very grateful for the consideration of our Executive Board in allowing us this time. God has blessed us with some of the greatest people in the world with which to serve.

It is yet to be determined exactly what we'll do, but I hope to rest, re-coup, re-tool and regain a new vitality in the Lord. My prayer is that I can return to my responsibility in January with a renewed sense of vision and strength. Please pray for us as we are away. We will be praying for you and for all our churches.

Encouragingly Yours, Brother Russell

It Might Preach!

"The Church: The Gospel on Display"

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

According to Acts 16-17, Paul and Silas brought the gospel to Thessalonica, a town in east Macedonia. The gospel was received and rather quickly demonstrated by the church. They put the gospel on display.

- I. The REASONS why the gospel was displayed (vv 6-7)
 - A. ... because of the BOLDNESS of those who PROCLAIMED IT (v. 5c)
 - B. ... because of the EXAMPLE of those who PICTURED IT (cf. 2:7)
- II. The RESULTS of the gospel being displayed (vv. 9-10, 3)
 - A. ... for INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS (vv. 9-10)
 1. They TURNED FROM SIN (v. 9b)
 2. They COMMITTED TO SERVE (v. 9c)
 3. They ANTICIPATED THE SAVIOR (i.e. His return) (v. 10a)
 - B. ... for the CHURCH AS A WHOLE (v. 3)
 1. A FAITH THAT WORKS (v. 3a)
 2. A LOVE THAT LABORS (v. 3b)
 3. A HOPE THAT ENDURES (v. 3c)

The gospel of Christ has an extraordinary effect on individuals and churches. We must join the Apostle Paul and the early Thessalonian church and put the gospel on daily display. It is still "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1:16) - rrc

WM&M NEWS

PLBA Women's Missions & Ministries

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

November 7, 2011, FBC, Tecumseh, 10:00 a.m. to noon
 All women welcome. Theme: "In Step With The Spirit"
 Silent prayer, open prayer (optional) participation
 There will be a report and an invitation to participate in
 local outreach through "Baby Boot Camp."



Optional - offering to "Baptist World Alliance"
 Optional - baby items for local Baby Boot Camp, 2012

The ladies of First Baptist, Tecumseh invite you to enjoy a salad lunch with us following the program.

SAVE THE DATES... Check them out at www.bgco.org/women or
 Twitter@bgcowomen

November 14, MISSIONS CELEBRATION, FBC, Moore
 January 31, STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE, Southern Hills BC, OKC
 April 13-14, OKLAHOMA LADIES' RETREAT, Falls Creek

"Blanket the State" needs you...and you...and you!!!

Check out our link at www.plba.org. Needs here, around the state and world don't stop! Blankets with the Gospel message are not weather-related. They are heart-and-comfort-need-related. Please ask God how YOU can help to meet the ongoing needs of so many. He will give you more ideas than you can imagine! People need blankets, yes. But, most of all, they need the love and the Gospel message they will receive when you include with those blankets our ministry's special gift card and sew-on label. Until February 2012, your contact person is Sandy Basham, from Caddo Baptist Association (contact information on the website). In February, Marsha Cook will resume being your contact person for sew-on labels, gift cards, and report forms. Since November 2007 we have distributed over 2334 blankets. Let's see if we can at least double that as quickly as possible...and then keep going!!!

A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY...

By the time you read this, our Annual Meeting will have occurred (on October 18) and Russell and I will have begun a period of extended rest. As you can see in Russell's article, we are now into a period of much-needed Sabbatical leave. Yes, we are tired. Yes, we need rest. But we also anticipate time to just quietly hear from the Lord without outside demands upon our time, attention, and energy. We anticipate time to just renew our relationship as a couple...Russell and Marsha time! We have some travel plans, some retreat plans, and some plans to just be quietly at home. We also have a desire to see some of our family members we've not gotten to see much in recent years...especially those five little grandchildren who are growing up ever so quickly! We believe we are at a crossroads or season in life of trying to discover what the "new normal" is for us!

Personally, I'm finding it feels a little strange to now have no particularly consistent demands upon my life except to do daily living and to continue to recuperate. I ask for prayers that God will give me new insight and vision into how to better serve as your Women's Missions & Ministries leader now that I have more time and would welcome ideas from you. I also ask for prayers for wisdom and discipline to begin to write books, a dream I've had for many, many years...for renewed opportunities to teach and speak and lead conferences...to resume some level of musical involvement...and to be ever watchful for new ways God might want to use me. I have always believed that Life experiences are never to be wasted and I truly want God to use what He has been teaching me lately. I believe we can see in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, a very simple Life equation: OBEDIENCE = BLESSING! Simply put, I look forward to both...the unfolding of opportunities to obey and the promised blessing(s)!!!

Thank you, dear friends, for your warm love and faithful prayers. You have been so supportive through these recent experiences and we could have never experienced the comfort, strength, and peace we have had without your prayers, calls, cards, comments, encouragement, hugs, and love. Thank you for this gift of Sabbatical "time" to experience much-needed physical, emotional, and spiritual R&R. We love you!

Marsha Cook, WM&M Leader ... and ... your DOM's wife

Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless.

PASTORS	CHURCH	Sept. '11	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	601.73	5,606.64
Dwayne Johnson	Asher FBC	194.54	1,668.64
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	266.58	2,060.49
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	.00	372.06
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	1,121.35	3,887.66
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	99.90	1,189.96
Doug Parker	Dale	24.03	274.62
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	.00	2,660.85
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	128.79	1,555.40
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	300.00	300.00
Ellis Rolette	Earlsboro Indian Mission	.00	75.00
Wayne Knight	Fairview	119.88	1,234.74
Dan Campbell	Faith	568.69	2,881.12
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	139.90
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	399.91	4,129.24
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	925.09	8,843.33
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	393.28	3,495.65
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	53.55	638.56
Don Acker	Macomb	117.60	1,451.27
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	240.00	2,430.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	25.89	225.82
Rusty McMullen	Maud Trinity	115.00	1,822.25
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	569.65	6,320.38
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	180.48	920.75
Todd Gragg	McLoud FBC	385.60	4,181.29
Ron Cherry	McLoud Sun Rise	248.91	1,546.47
Joe Jones	Meekeer FBC	324.50	3,592.74
Bryan Pain	Morning Star	.00	2,191.41
John Hancock	Mt. Pleasant	113.63	1,091.04
Mark Patterson	Newalla-New Life	.00	5,353.94
Mike Collyer	Pink	404.90	1,975.16
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	.00	328.70
	Pleasant Home	49.64	1,286.01
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	426.39	4,002.41
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	639.65	7,674.39
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	18.90	203.10
Tony Black	Romulus	185.59	1,769.40
Paul Gore	Sh-Aydelotte	518.18	3,114.43
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	590.57
Ray Miller	Sh-First	282.07	2,743.28
Spencer Davis, Int.	Sh-First Indian	.00	443.38
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	.00	.00
Larry Guest/Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	74.04	452.00
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	.00	3,172.34
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	1,499.21	15,313.10
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	150.00
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	.00	230.00
Ben Little	Sh-Sallateeska	.00	.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	990.26	8,527.58
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	.00	1,618.00
	Sh-University	256.68	3,201.70
	Sh-Wallace Ave.	150.55	1,273.26
Charles Wigington	Sparks FBC	79.10	707.61
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	247.15	2,384.01
Burl Mackey	Stroud FBC	569.65	4,679.94
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	703.90	8,139.26
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	350.00
Bill Haas	Tecumseh Riverside	.00	.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	605.01	6,193.21
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	324.63	1,714.91
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	120.00	1,421.27
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	.00
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	332.14	3,421.52
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	110.00	990.00
TOTAL		16,181.22	160,220.76

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 9-1-11	Income	Expenses	Ending Bal. 9-30-11
Budget	10,598.98	16,181.22	18,697.33	8,082.87
Designated	182,471.77			183,871.74
Total Monies	\$193,070.75			\$191,954.61

Association Website — www.plba.org

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| <p>2 Rev. Ellis Rolette
405 N. Pesotum
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Earlsboro Indian</p> <p>4 Rev. Bill Donovan
43 Sequoyah
Shawnee, OK 74801
Retired Pastor</p> <p>4 Rev. Mike Haines
355960 E 960 Rd
Stroud, OK 74079
Pastor, Deer Creek</p> <p>6 Rev. Mark Patterson
104 Brenda Lane
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, New Life, Newalla</p> <p>10 Mrs. Colleen (Bob) Fowler
PO Box 95
Tryon, OK 74875
Pastor's Wife, First, Tryon</p> <p>10 Rev. Charles Wigington
14628 S. Xenophen Avenue
Glenpool, OK 74033
Pastor, First, Sparks</p> <p>11 Karen (Jerry) Gray
17770 Cedar Brake
Choctaw, OK 73020
Pastor's Wife, Emmaus</p> <p>12 Rev. Bill Haas
20230 Harrison Rd.
Tecumseh, OK 74873
Pastor, All Nations</p> <p>13 Rev. David Henry
803 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Calvary</p> <p>13 Rev. Darrell Sullivan
331178 E Captain Dr.
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, First, Wellston</p> <p>21 Mrs. LeVoe Maxwell
3914 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804
Former DOM's Wife</p> <p>21 Mrs. Juanita Patterson
119 W. Tennyson Ave.
Tecumseh, OK 74873
Former Pastor's Wife</p> | <p>29 Rev. Thom Duncan
9782 Econtuchka Rd
Prague, OK 74864
Retired Pastor</p> <p>29 Mr. Bret Ellard
7 Birdie Lane
Shawnee, OK 74804
PLBA Counselor</p> <p>29 Mrs. Amy (Jay) Sampson
4514 Gracelann
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, Heritage</p> <p>30 Rev. Al Farrow
1 Dennis Blvd
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor</p> |
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ANNIVERSARIES

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| <p>1 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Hazelwood
PO Box 891
Meeker, OK 74855
Pastor, Mammoth</p> <p>5 Rev. & Mrs. Dennis Traxler
11354 Valley View Road
Prague, OK 74864
Print Shop Manager, PLBA</p> <p>12 Rev. & Mrs. Lane Buckley
331288 E. Hwy 66
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, Trinity, Wellston</p> <p>22 Dr. & Mrs. Dan Campbell
20385 Elm St.
Harrah, OK 73045
Pastor, Faith, Harrah</p> <p>23 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Norris
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Pastor, Trinity, Shawnee</p> <p>28 Rev. & Mrs. Joe Jones
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Pastor, First, Meeker</p> |
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"...enabling each church to fulfill its unique mission for Christ and providing channels for cooperative ministry."

November '11

- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back 1 hour)
- 10-12 **OBU Homecoming**
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14-15 BGCO State Convention, FBC, Moore
- 14 Pastors' Conference, FBC, Moore 9:30 am-4:30 pm
- 14 Women's Missions and Ministries Celebration, First Baptist Church, Moore, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
- 14 Ethnic Pastor's Dinner, FBC, Moore
- 14 OBMEA Roundtable, FBC, Moore 2:00 pm-6:30 pm
- 14 Chaplain's Luncheon, FBC, Moore 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- 15 DOM Luncheon, FBC, Moore 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- 17-19 Oklahoma Youth Ministry Forum, TBA
- 17 Singing ChurchWomen East Concert, TBD, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- 17 VBS Jumpstart, BB
- 23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday — Assn. Office CLOSED**
- Dec 2 **Mark your calendar, Assn. Christmas Dinner, First Baptist Church, McLoud, 6:30 pm**



ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 2

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, McLoud

(located at the Corner of 8th and Broadway
Street Address: 109 S. 8th Street, McLoud)

Entertainment - B.J. Hall, Illusionist, Musician, Poet
Catering - Johnny Carino's (Italian)

\$8 per person

Retired Pastors & Widows are free of charge.

Must RSVP by Tuesday, November 22 Call 405.273.4558.

